

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of financial transaction devices by certain Franklin County officials (Commissioners)

WHEREAS, section 301.28 of the Revised Code grants authority to a Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of financial transaction devices for the payment of county expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 317-07 on April 24, 2007 to authorize certain County Elected Officials the ability to accept financial transaction devices as an acceptable means of payment for County Expenses; and

WHEREAS, section 301.28 of the Revised Code was amended by Sub. S.B. 241 of the 127th General Assembly, which became effective on July 19, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Sub. S.B. 241 expanded the definition of financial transaction devices, and added the county park district, board of county commissioners, the clerk of the probate court, the clerk of the juvenile court, and the clerks of court for all divisions of the courts of common pleas to the list of county offices that may accept financial transaction devices; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners desires to incorporate these changes in order to enhance the efficiency, accuracy and safety of operations within Franklin County; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That any County office under the County officials defined by section 301.28 of the Revised Code may accept payments by financial transaction device.
2. That any financial transaction device as defined by section 301.28 of the Revised Code is hereby authorized as an acceptable means of payment for County expenses.
3. That any County expense as defined by section 301.28 of the Revised Code may be paid through the use of a financial transaction device.

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4. That the County Treasurer shall continue to act as administrative agent for the County's financial transaction devices program. When necessary, the administrative agent shall solicit proposals, make recommendations about these proposals, and assist County offices in implementing the County's financial transaction devices program.
5. That the Clerk of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners shall send a copy of this resolution to each County official who is authorized to accept payments by financial transaction devices.
6. That a County official desiring to accept payments for County expenses by financial transaction device shall provide written notification to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners of the official's intent to implement the resolution, including the types of financial transaction devices to be accepted, and the County expenses for which payment by financial transaction device shall be allowed.
7. That a surcharge or convenience fee shall be imposed upon a person making payment by a financial transaction device. Every County office accepting payment by a financial transaction device shall clearly post a notice in that office of the surcharge or convenience fee, the amount of the surcharge or convenience fee, and that the surcharge or convenience fee is nonrefundable.
8. That in the event that a payment is made by a financial transaction device and the payment is returned or dishonored for any reason, in addition to any other civil or criminal remedies provided by law, the payer shall be liable for payment of a penalty in an amount necessary to reimburse the County for banking charges, legal fees or other expenses incurred by the County in collecting the returned or dishonored payment.

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